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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	:	Gerdes et al.
Appl. No.	:	09/700,130
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For	:	CYTOTOXIN-BASED BIOLOGICAL CONTAINMENT
Examiner	:	Patricia Ann Duffy
Group Art Unit	:	1645

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the following amendment before examination of the application of the merits.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.